

1945

The Regional Library Board met Jan. 1st 1945 at 4:00 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. building with the following members present: - Mrs. J. J. Wilkins, Chm. Mrs. J. W. Bailey, Mrs. E. C. Calveries, Mr. Paul Williams, Mr. Ashford, Mr. Mell and Mr. Hamilton.

~~The~~ Treas. report was given by Miss Newton. Moved by Mr. Ashford that it be accepted. 2nd by Mr. Williams. Motion carried.

Report (not complete) on Circulation of books given by Miss Newton, the Librarian. A report was also given concerning our Dunbar Branch library.

A letter of appreciation was asked to be written to Judge Folsom, Pres. of San. Market Ins. Co. Thanking him for the space ~~is~~ formally used by Coasta, for housing the County books. Letter to Mrs. J. M. Shadgett for Acknowledgment.

to the Christian Science Monitor - a letter
to Mrs. May Michael for books & magazines

Discussion by Miss Newton concerning
the 2nd 7 books & equipment owned
by the Regional Library. Mr. Hamilton
& Mr. McElrath were asked to serve on
com. to assist Miss Newton in obtaining
a floating policy for the library -

\$10,000.00 for books & \$1000.00 for equipment.

Publicity was asked to the Green Library.
Story to be published in Athens Banner,
Oconee & Oglethorpe County papers.

Mr. Williams suggested that a letter
be written to the Remington Co. about
the shelves which will be needed for
the books used in the Southern Mutual
Building. We need shelves in 1945 but
~~only 4 have~~ ^{will} funds enough ^{in 1945 but the cash} ~~to pay for~~
half of them. Discussion ^{to be} taken at next
meeting.

Mr. Ashford recommends that Mrs

Thursay be contacted in Watkinsville for
new ^{Board} members for Seane County.

Mrs. J. W. Bailey made motion that
the present form of bookkeeping now
used by the Regional Library be simplified.
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Motion carried.

No other business - Meeting adjourned
Mrs E. C. Coburn.

Mar - 1945

The Regional Library Board meeting was held March 28, 1945 in Y.M.C.A. Building.

The following members were present: -

Mrs. J. J. Wilkins, Chm.; Mrs. M. H. Hatten,
Mrs. J. W. Bailey, Mr. Paul Williams,
Mr. George Ashford, Mrs. E. C. Clevonia
and Miss Newton, Librarian.

Minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted. The Treas. report was given by Miss Newton. A report was given by Mr. Williams of the Council meeting which he & Mrs. Wilkins attended. The Altus City Council gave \$6000.00 for library support for 1945. A group of Altus business men have donated funds to help finance the library for 1945.

Mr. Jack Wilkins	\$ 500.00
" Paul Williams	300.00
" Octor James	300.00
" J. W. Day	50.00
" Mr. Michael	50.00
" W. H. Benson	50.00

a motion was made by Mr. William to increase Mrs. Bane & Mrs. Hughes' Salary from \$1200.00 to \$1440.00, (\$120.00 per month)

Mrs. Stephens from \$1440.00 to \$1680.00 ~~per~~ \$140.00 per month)

Mr. Williams made motion to adopt Budget drawn up by Miss Newton and Amended by board - 2nd by Mrs. M^{rs} Halton

Report from Ins. Co, given by Mr. M^{rs} also reported that Insurance had been taken on books & equipment for a period of 3 yrs.

Miss Newton gave report on Circulation of books in the Library. Mrs. Baily was asked to Accompany Miss Newton to Ocassee & Ogeesha Counties to Convince members to increase Library Subscriptions in these two Counties.

Mr. McHallen was asked to serve
as Chm. Nominating Com. Mr. Max
Michael was asked to serve on Res. Com.
Com.

Miss Newton & Mr. Nell were asked to
check on terms of office of Atkins
Board members.

Mr. Williams explained to Board
members why a room in Chamber of
Commerce Building cannot be used
to store library books. His explanation
was accepted.

Meeting adjourned

June 6, 1945

The Clarke County Library Board met in the Bookmobile Division headquarters of the Athens Regional Library in the court house at 4:00 o'clock. Present were Mrs. J.W. Bailey, Mrs. L.M. Shadgett, Mr. Robert Hamilton, Mr. T.S. Mell, Mrs. J.J. Wilkins, Chairman, and Miss Charlotte Newton, Regional Librarian.

Minutes of the meeting of Nov. 30, 1943 were read and approved.

Mrs. Wilkins asked for a report on the financial condition of the library. The checkable balance was reported by the librarian as \$902.35 on May 31, 1945.

Discussion of annual appropriations by Oglethorpe and Oconee counties. The librarian reported that verbal promises from the county commissioners had been made through the two ordinaries of \$500 from Oglethorpe and \$250 from Oconee. These appropriations are in addition to those of the two school boards and those from the towns of Watkinsville and Bogart. Clubs in Oglethorpe County also make donations.

Discussion of urgent need for better library quarters, especially for the Bookmobile Division. Discussion of the possibility of purchasing property for library use. Mr. Mell advised that rental possibilities be investigated instead, and that board keep in touch with city post-war planning activities, since the Regional Library Board had already undertaken to secure space in the old Post Office building as soon as this should be available.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Newton
Acting Secretary.

July 18, 1945

The Athens Regional Library Board met in the
Y. M. C. A. building at 4 o'clock. Present
were Mrs. Bailey, Mr. T. Mott,
Mr. Harry Ashford, and Mrs. J. J.
Wilkins, Chairman. Mrs. Shadgett,
who was unable to attend, had
given Mrs. Wilkins power of proxy.

Since the secretary was not present
reading of the minutes of the previous meeting
was omitted.

Mrs. Wilkins read a letter from
Miss Sarah Jones, assistant director
of the Text Books and Library Division of
the State Department of Education, ex-
pressing appreciation to the Athens board
for the success of the eight-county
regional library meeting held here on
May 9th under the department's sponsorship.
Mrs. Wilkins submitted for
Mr. Walton, Chairman of

the Nominating Committee, the
following report:

~~Mr. Wilkins~~

? Chairman - Mrs. Wilkins

? Vice-Chairman - Mrs. H. P. Williams

Secretary - Miss Charlotte Newton

Treasurer - Mr. Orel Bird

Mr. Bell moved adoption; Mr. Ashford
seconded. Adopted.

Resignation of Mr. Max Michael was read
by the chairman and accepted with regret.

Mr. Bailey moved that ~~Mr. Bird~~
the Treasurer be made a member of
the board. Passed.

~~The report of the~~
The need for additional space was discussed.
The librarian reported that a store
building on Prince Avenue owned by
Miss Edith Hodgson was available for
rent at about \$30.00 per month, but
that it needed repairs. ^{on the roof, etc.} Mr. Ashford
moved that ^{the librarian} she be authorized to
negotiate with Mr. Ralph Hodgson,
who is handling this property, to pro-
ceed with the ~~for the~~ rental of this
space again on ~~month~~

for use by the Bookmobile Division
for a period of 2 years at \$25 per
month.

^{and present} Mrs. ~~Wilkins~~ McWilton was asked
if after a check had been made on terms
of office of board members, to
present a list of names to City Council
to fill vacancies on Clarke County Board.

The Librarian submitted the semi-annual
report, showing steady growth in the
book collection and in library use.

The Librarian reported that Mrs. Jno.
Stephens had resigned as ^{Bookmobile} School Librarian
because of the transfer of her husband to
Atlanta, and that Miss Ruth Williams, Athens
High School Librarian, was serving as
Bookmobile Librarian, through the summer
months.

The Librarian reported that the Denton branch
had been moved into rooms on the first floor

of the old Knapp Institute building, that
the room had been re-plastered and
painted by the Men's Civic Club, a
Negro Organization, and that additional
shelves had been built, ^{on} ~~the~~ library
funds so that this branch has satisfactory
quarters at present and room for growth.

The librarian reported that Mr. Arthur
Fannon had given \$50.00 for the purchase
of baby books, selected by himself and other
persons who have developed interest in
children.

~~Spoke~~
The Chairman reported that she had
discussed the possibility of obtaining aid
from friends with members of the State department
of education and was told that there
was the probability of a continuance of
the program and the possibility of an
increase.

The librarian reported that she had been
informed that A. G. H. W. intended to sponsor
the public library this year.
adjourned. Respectfully submitted

Mrs. A.E. Porter

Bishop, Ga.

Will not be able to attend the meeting and would like to tender her resignation, as she thinks will not be able to attend any meetings hereafter.

Mr. Harris Thurmond has some other matters that must be attended to this afternoon and will not be able to be at the Board Meeting.

Miss Elizabeth Hale, Watkinsville, Ga.

Will not be able to attend the meeting.

*McHatton motion - Ashford second -
personality, character, ability & local*

Athens Regional Library Board

*The Board of Trustees of the A. R. L. met in the Y.M.C.A. on
Wed. July 5, 1944 at 4 p.m. There were five members present -
Mrs. F. H. McHatton, Mrs. John J. H. - Jr. ~~Mrs.~~ Mr. T. S. Meek,
Mr. Robert Hamilton and Mr. H. H. Ashford.*

*The Board unanimously passed a motion to employ Miss
Charlotte Newton, formerly of Athens, and now of ^{South} Memphis
~~at~~ ^{Memphis} as Regional Director of A. R. L. beginning as
soon as Miss Newton can arrange to be here. Motion made.*

by McHatten and seconded by Ashford. Miss Newton is to be given full authority to employ an assistant trained librarian as soon as she sees fit.

Mrs. Hilline announced that the State Dept of Ed - has been given an appropriation of \$100,000⁰⁰ to be used expressly for library aid. As a result of this Athens will receive a ^{larger} share ^{than in the past} of ~~this~~ which will increase our appropriation of State funds, and thus enable us to employ the trained assistant. Miss Newton stated in correspondence with Mrs. Hilline that she would not consider this position unless larger quarters were made possible, and a trained assistant ~~found~~ employed, as soon as possible.

The resignation of Mrs. A. E. Porter of Bishop was accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

acting secretary

Sept. 17, 1945

Meeting of Clarke County Library Board, of M.C.A.,
building at 12 noon.

Present were: Mrs. Wilkins, chairman,
Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Mill, Mrs. Shadgett,
Charlotte Newton, Libr. Mrs. Wilkins had
Mr. Williams' proxy.

Discussion of activities of city council in
trying to secure old post office for use as
city hall, whereas library board had already
undertaken to try to secure old post
office for a library building. Clippings
from Banner-Herald of Sept. 6th and
of Sept. 12th regarding city's activities
read. Mrs. Wilkins told of Congressman
Brown's being in Athens about
3 weeks ago and that he had already
been requested to secure the old post
office for library and had been approached
from Oglethorpe and possibly Oconee.

Mrs. Shadgett suggested ~~and~~ that
representatives of the library board in a
semi-official capacity approach city
councilmen individually. Mr. Williams
and Mrs. Wilkins appointed to do this, it

being within their discretion to decide
on best approach.

It was decided that it would be well to have the necessity of library building brought up before League of Women Voters and A. A. W. without specific mention of the problem. State aid, ^{by contract approval} was ^{by} ~~trails~~ ^{seconded by} ~~Shadgett~~

Moule & Bedford as Bookmobile Librarian.
 Mr. Mill approved, seconded Mr. Spadoff.

minutes of meeting of June 6th read
and approved.

Ad: earned

Ad. earned
Mr. William
Sargent
possible appointments
Council to
Mr. City
replace
Michail,
reigning.

Broswell
Mr. Carter
Mr. May
Mrs. Ed. Weir.

meeting Clarke County Library Board, Sept. 17, 1945
of M.C.A. at 12 noon.

— Appointment Mabelle Ashford as
Brookshire Librarian

— State aid contract.

— Miss Lucile Guy
Space

Check the balance as of Sept. 1st = \$289.16

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

December 14, 1945

A called meeting of the Athens Regional Library Board was held at the Y.M.C.A. Building on Friday morning, December 14, 1945, at 11:30 o'clock. In the absence of the chairman and secretary, Mr. Paul Williams served as acting chairman and Mrs. L.M. Shadgett as acting secretary.

Other members present were Mrs. J.W. Bailey, Mr. B.C. Hogan, Mrs. T.H. McHatton, Mr. T.S. Mell, Mr. Harris Thurmond.

The following motions were passed:

"That Miss Charlotte Newton's salary as ^{Director} ~~librarian~~ be continued until December 1, 1945."

"That Mrs. Duncan Burnet be elected as ^{Director} ~~librarian~~ at a salary of \$200.00 per month, effective December 1, 1945."

"That Mr. Abit Nix be elected to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Max Michael, resigned."

Mr. Williams agreed to notify Mr. Nix of his election and to ask Mrs. Wilkins to write a letter to Miss Newton informing her of the action of the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 o'clock.

Mrs. Olive H. Shadgett
Acting Secretary